

**Amendments to the Description**

1. Please replace the paragraph on page 38, lines 23-27 with the following paragraph:

**\*\*The invention contemplates the use of known antibodies as the binding agent including biotin-3F4 and 3F4 and 6H4 which recognize prion disease proteins. 3F4 reacts against the MKHMMKHV (SEQ ID NO:1) epitope and 6H4 reacts against the DYEDRYRE (SEQ ID NO:2) epitope. Additionally, 6E10 which recognizes Abeta, reacts against the EFRHDS (SEQ ID NO:3) epitope (residues 3-8).\*\***

2. Please replace the paragraph on page 64 lines 1-4 with the following paragraph:

**\*\*Recombinant hamster PrP (rhaPrP) and 6H4 was from Prionics. Recombinant human PrP (rhuPrP) was from Roboscreen. Biotin-3F4 and 3F4 were from Signet. 3F4 reacts against MKHV MKHM (SEQ ID NO:1) and 6H4 reacts against DYEDRYRE (SEQ ID NO:2). 6E10 anti-Abeta (from Signet) reacts against EFRHDS (SEQ ID NO:3) (residues 3-8).\*\***

3. Please replace the Sequence Listing pages currently of record with the Sequence Listing provided herewith as a in text format in computer readable form.